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OF TAIPEI AIR STATION: PROPOSED Q'S AND A'S.

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B. STATE 266318 (DTG 110247Z NOV 75)

C. TAIPEI 7360 (DTG 170820Z NOV 75)

1. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED Q'S AND A'S FOR CONTINGENCY USE

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CONCERNING INACTIVATION OF 327TH AIR DIVISION AND CLOSURE

OF TAIPEI AIR STATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY.

A-1: IS TAIPEI AIR STATION (OR 327TH AIR DIVISION) GOING TO BE CLOSED?

A-1: YES, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY BE PUTTING INTO EFFECT A DECISION MADE SOME MONTHS AGO TO INACTIVATE THE 327TH AIR DIVISION AND RELATED SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AT TAIPEI AIR STATION.

Q-2: WHY IS THE STATION BEING CLOSED?

A-2: THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS: (1) IT IS PART OF THE CONTINUING REDUCTION AND REALIGNMENT OF INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES USED BY U.S. FORCES OVERSEAS, (2) BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS, AND (3) IN VIEW OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF USAF OPERATIONAL UNITS FROM TAIWAN (FOR EXAMPLE, FROM CCK AND TAINAN AIR BASES IN THE PAST YEAR), THERE IS NO LONGER A NEED FOR AN AIR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS ON TAIWAN.

Q-3: WHEN WILL THIS CLOSURE OCCUR?

A-3: THE 327TH AIR DIVISION AND RELATED SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WILL BE INACTIVATED BY THE END OF MARCH 1976 AND CLOSURE OF THE STATION WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JUNE 1976.

Q-4: HOW MANY PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED IN THIS ACTION?

A-4: APPROXIMATELY 150 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM TAIWAN AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION.

Q-5: HOW MANY CHINESE EMPLOYEES WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION?

A-5: APPROXIMATELY 125 CHINESE EMPLOYEES WILL BE AFFECTED.

Q-6: WHAT UNITS ARE INVOLVED IN THIS ACTION?

A-6: THE UNITS TO BE INACTIVATED WILL BE THE 327TH AIR DIVISION, THE 6213 AIR BASE SQUADRON AND 2165TH COMMUNICA-
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TIONS GROUP.

Q-7: WHAT IS THE MISSION OF TAIPEI AIR STATION (OR 327TH AIR DIVISION)?

A-7: THE MISSION OF THE 327TH AIR DIVISION, THE SENIOR USAF MILITARY UNIT AT TAIPEI AIR STATION, IS TO COORDINATE A VARIETY OF OPERATIONAL, LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

MATTERS FOR THE U.S. AIR FORCE ON TAIWAN AND OTHER U.S. AVIATION ACTIVITIES WITHIN TAIWAN AIRSPACE AND TO COORDINATE AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS AND PLANS WITH THE ROC AIR FORCE. THE 6213 AIR BASE SQUADRON PROVIDES A VARIETY OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE 327TH AIR DIVISION AND USAF PERSONNEL ON TAIWAN. THE 2165TH COMMUNICATIONS GROUP PROVIDES GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR THE AIR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

Q-8: WILL ANY OF THE UNITS/PERSONNEL NOW AT TAIPEI AIR STATION REMAIN ON TAIWAN?

A-8: THERE ARE SEVERAL SMALL TENANT UNITS THAT WILL BE MOVED TO OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE TAIPEI AREA. IN ADDITION, A RESIDUAL FORCE OF ABOUT 30 PERSONS HEADED BY AN USAF COLONEL WILL REMAIN TO MAINTAIN COORDINATION WITH THE ROC AIR FORCE IN AIR DEFENSE MATTERS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Q-9: WHAT AIR FORCE UNITS WILL REMAIN ON TAIWAN?

A-9: THERE ARE COMMUNICATION AND OTHER UNITS IN THE TAIPEI AREA, SMALL CARETAKER UNITS AT CCK AND TAINAN AIR BASES, AND OTHER SMALL UNITS PERFORMING AIR FORCE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION ON TAIWAN.

Q-10: WHEN TAIPEI AIR STATION CLOSES, WHO WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR AIR FORCE UNITS AND PERSONNEL ON TAIWAN?

A-10: ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES PRESENTLY PERFORMED BY AIR FORCE UNITS AT TAIPEI AIR STATION WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED TO AIR FORCE UNITS ON AND OFF TAIWAN.

Q-11: WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE FACILITIES AT TAIPEI AIR STATION?

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A-11: DISPOSITION OF THE VACATED FACILITIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT.

Q-12: HOW LONG HAS THE USAF MAINTAINED FORCES AT TAIPEI AIR STATION?

A-12: APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS.

Q-13: IS THIS ACTION AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE ON TAIWAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE?

A-13: THIS ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BECAUSE THERE IS NO LONGER

A NEED FOR AN AIR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS STAFF ON TAIWAN IN VIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF USAF UNITS AND PERSONNEL ON TAIWAN. THIS ACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

Q-14: IS THIS ACTION RELATED TO VISITS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER/ PRESIDENT FORD TO THE PRC?

A114: NO, IT IS NOT. THIS ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BECAUSE THERE IS NO LONGER A NEED FOR AN AIR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS STAFF ON TAIWAN IN VIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF USAF UNITS AND PERSONNEL ON TAIWAN.

Q-15: WHEN THIS ACTION IS COMPLETED, HOW MANY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN ON TAIWAN?

A-15: APPROXIMATELY 2500, BASED ON CURRENT PROJECTIONS.

Q-16: ARE ANY FURTHER REDUCTIONS ON TAIWAN BEING PLANNED?

A-16: WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY FURTHER REDUCTIONS AT THIS TIME, BUT FURTHER REDUCTIONS MAY TAKE PLACE OVER TIME IF THERE IS NO LONGER A REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE FORCES ON TAIWAN.

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